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EDITORIAL OPINION

A MEMORIAL

Americans have lavished honors, medals, citations, ribbons, pensions, and many other honors and titles upon the herios of WAR. We have neglected the heroes of PEACE.

Currently, there is discussion of how the nation might honor Dr. Salk, for his contribution to the defeat of paralysis from polio. He merits something more than a stack of editorials.

In Appomattox, a worthwhile movement is under way to build a memorial to the late Dr. David A. Christian, III.

The Times-Virginian does not believe in the democracy of establishing in America of titles such as Sir, Lord, Duke, Count and Baron. But we do believe in suitable honors for the HEROES OF PEACE who have contributed to the GOOD of mankind. This concept should be advanced.

PEOPLE WITHOUT WILLS

Winchester Star)

More than 45,000 questionnaires returned in a survey made by Teachers College of Columbia University concerning wills reveal that nearly one-half of the adult population has made no will of any kind.

No one likes to think of death, of course, but when the small amount of time and effort required in the conception of a will is weighed against the agonizing burdens and frictions imposed upon a grieving family forced to settle an estate without a will, the comparison becomes quite lopsided.

What surprised the researchers of Columbia University even more was the percentage of professional people who neglected to provide a will. The most negligent single group was pharmacists, two-thirds of whom have no will. Journalists and teachers ran close seconds with approximately half of each profession reporting no will.

Lawyers, who are expected to set a shining example, revealed that one out of four had put off drawing up a will for himself.

The figures cited in the study showed the percentage remaining constant in all age groups. Sex, marital status and number of dependents seemed to have no effect.

4-H "TILLERS OF THE SOIL" TO BE HONORED

Just 99 years ago, Horace Greeley presented $50 to a New York boy for being the state's outstanding young corn grower.

This year, nearly a half-million 4-H Club members, farming 1,400,000 acres of land, are eligible to compete for awards worth $40,000 in the National 4-H Field Crops, Forestry, Soil and Water Conservation award programs.And like a century ago, the awards are provided by public-spirited individuals and organizations.

In the Field crops program, some 2,900 Virginia 4-H members, (300,000 in the U. S.) learn latest farming and production methods, from soil testing and treatment, to paltning, fertilizing, cultivating, harvesting and marketing.

Four medals are offered for field crops winners on the county level. State winners receive a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, Nov. 27 - Dec. 1. Six national winners selected from the state winners, will be presented $300 college scholarships.

Soil and water conservation measures are practiced on over 350,000 acres each year by 4-H Club members. For the 12th consecutive year, winners in the program will be honored with awards, at the county, the state and national levels.

The 4-H members participating in such programs, conducted by the Extension Service, use agricultural lands to the best possible advantage and conesrve the nation's number one resource. At the same time, the young people are helping their families make and save money, and are preparing themselves for a successful future in agriculture.

Full information on the award programs can be secured from the county Extension offices.

—Contributed.

DEBT INCHES UPWARD

(Winchester Star)

Treasury Department is again singing the song that the federal government, so help it, cannot get by much longer under the permanent debt ceiling of $275 billion.

Sen. Byrd, leader of the anti-inflation forces in the Senate, answers that the government must make a clear showing of distress before he will budge an inch. He adamantly opposes a permanent increase in the ceiling and will agree to the granting of temporary relief only if there is no alternative.

Senator Byrd headed the ranks which granted a temporary debt ceiling boost to $281 billion. The ceiling will automatically revert to $275 billion on June 30 unless the temporary increase in the limit is extended by congressional action.

By midyear, says the Treasury, the debt will total $274 billion. But during the next six months expenditures are expected to exceed revenues by eight billion dollars, which would boost what the government owes higher than the temporary debt limit of $281 billion.

Pay increases for government employees and other outlays may boost the deficit higher than the Treasury's estimate. Or so Treasury officials say.

The government is approaching the hour of decision. Shall the debt be permitted to rise freely and without qualms? Or shall a stand be made near the present point and a beginning be made toward reducing the astronomical total? The latter is the theme on which the present administration came into office.

Tax reduction has been abandoned while the cost of government continues at near record levels. Military outlays may make a balanced budget impossible now, but if the debt continues to mount higher taxes in the future will be inescapable.

FISHING, A BILLION-DOLLAR SPORT

(Atlanta Constitution)

What do Americans do with their increased leisure time? What do the millions of city dwellers who work a 40-hour week or less do with the rest of it?

We know how the "do-it-yourself" move has grown. We know about the increasing popularity of parks, spectator sports and the old man's hobby shop. We've seen the revised interest in gardening and home crafts.

But in his struggle to escape the confines of urban life, the American male has also rediscovered the exciting and satisfying lure of field and stream. The primitive urge of self-preservation that expressed itself in hunting and fishing has become the most popular of all American sports.

A reader, Vic Waldrop, of Cartersville, informs us that about $9,000,000,000 was spent last year on fishing for sport. He further adds that this is a considerable amount of money. In fact, he says, and we quote:

"It's enough to buy all the baseball teams and the ball parks .. all the golf equipment and all the golf and country clubs .. all the bowling equipment and the bowling alleys .. all the football equipment and the stadia and still have some left over. Hunting ranks next to fishing in money spent."

Mr. Waldrop reminds us that, "in addition to the power dams and reservoirs covering thousands of acres in Georgia and attracting a multitude of fishermen, Georgia has more than 27,000 fish ponds that range in size from one to 200 acres .. New ponds are being constructed at the rate of 2,000 a year."

COMMUNICATION

Editor, Times-Virginian,

In fairness both to those who voted for the majority report and to those who voted for the minority report, attention should be called to inaccuries in the account of the action of West Hanover Presbytery in regard to the overture of Davis Memorial Church on integration, as published last week. The headlines of this account are particularly misleading as to the meaning of the action of Presbytery.

The majority report disapproved the overture and refused to pass it on to the Synod of Virginia. This report was rejected by Presbytery, 19 to 17. The minority report was then adopted, 19 to 13.

Your correspondent is in error that the adopting of this minority report was "approving the local petition" - that is, of Davis Memorial Church - "as the position of the Presbytery."

"The local petition," or overture from Davis Memorial Church, stated "we reject the recommendations of the General Assembly and of the Synod of Virginia against segregation in our church and its institutions," a flat and complete rejection of all of those recommendations.

The minority report recognized the right of a local congregation to make such a rejection and expressed the belief that the Davis Memorial Church overture "is indicative of the honest Christian belief of a very large percentage of the members of our Presbyterian Church." For that reason, the minority report stated that it favored "forwarding the overture to Synod," and not because, as stated in your account, it was "the position of the Presbytery." On the contrary, it went on to state that "West Hanover Presbytery is not in agreement on this subject," and that "a declaratory statement on its part would not "serve any useful purpose."

The minority report committed the Presbytery to adopt as its own position just one of the resolutions in the Devis Memorial Church overture: "That the question of integration be remanded to the Synod of Virginia for further discussion and recommendation."

The actual language is: "That Presbytery favor the endorsement of **this portion** of the resolution and forwarding of the overture to the Synod of Virginia."

This is quite a different thing from "asking the Synod of Virginia to reverse its year-old position on integration in the churches," and it does not at all carry the meaning given it by the headlines: "Presbytery Votes No to Integration."

The minority report also expressed the opinion "that Synod went too far in appointing a committee or representatives to appear before the Governor's Commission" with the declaratory statement of the Synod, thus agreeing with one of the statements in the preamble to the resolutions of the Davis Memorial Church overture.

The minority report carried because so many, like the writer, who could not vote for the flat and complete rejection of Synod's action as asked by the overture, did have a strong conviction that before a declaratory statement representing the official position of the whole Synod of Virginia should be [illegible] momentous an issue, [illegible] time and thought and should be given it than was at the meeting of the [illegible] August.

W. Twyman Williams
Stated Clerk, West Hanover Presbytery.

(Editor's note: We agree with our esteemed writer that time and discussion should be given this issue. That was our only reason for reprinting from an [illegible] very brief synopsis [illegible] bove, and are glad to [illegible] more detailed discussion.)

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Red Finds a "Sweet Solution"

Red Jackson found a slick way to get his cows to eat what's good for them. Seems they were passing up the tall green grass—full of minerals and vitamins—and eating the short grass, which is naturally sweeter.

Red solved the problem by spraying a solution of corn syrup over the grass that was going begging. The cows sure went at it. Red says it's lucky for him—and the cows—that every one of them has a "sweet tooth."

Next week, according to Red, he's going to have his cows clean up all the weedy grass along his fences—after he sprays them with more corn syrup, of course.

From where I sit, some folks, like Red, are always trying out new tricks—and others stick with the old tried and true methods. Just a question of preference, I guess. Like the way you may enjoy coffee with meals, while I prefer a cold glass of beer. So let's not allow any bad feelings to "crop up" by thinking ours is the only choice.

Joe Marsh

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Behind each of the 8½ million farm operators, hired hands, and family workers on U. S. farms there lies an average capital investment of about $14,000, according to agricultural economists.

This amount—four times the [illegible] average per farm worker of [illegible]500—is invested in land, farm buildings, livestock and feed inventories, machinery and equipment, and cash for operating expenses. It does not include approximately [illegible]000 per worker invested in houses, automobiles, household goods and savings.

Inflation has been the principal factor in the increase in dollar value of farm resources in relation to number of workers—the same resources would have been valued at [illegible]000 in 1940 dollars. But the investment, even in 1940 dollars, is [illegible]70-per cent increase.

Two other developments have been responsible for this actual increase in resources per farm worker. Farmers have bought much new machinery and equipment; they have added to their builidngs; and they have improved their land a great deal.

In addition, the number of farm workers has been shrinking and is now about a fourth less than in the years immediately preceding World War II.

Most striking is the increase in machinery and equipment. Average value of machinery and equipment at the disposal of each farm worker today is nearly $1,900, as compared with $200 worth in 1940.

The investment per agricultural worker of $14,000 is an average for all farms in the United States, including, the economists point out, a relatively few very large farms and ranches worth several hundred thousand dollars. It also includes thousands of small and part-time farms with little value in land, buildings, livestock, and equipment. If only full-time, commercial farms were considered, the average investment per worker might be at least $20,000.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, April 26.- We have surely had some nice showers. Glad to say. Everything looks so pretty and green.

So glad to know Mr. Jack Caldwell Sr. has returned home from the hospital. Hope he will continue to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings and her brother, Dr. David Christian Jr. and son, Chesley visited relatives in Richmond over the week-end.

Let's not forget the revival to begin at Trinity Church on next Sunday night. Rev. Floy Cox, of Madison Heights will do the preaching. The pastor, Rev. F. J. Wingfield will be there to assist Rev. Cox so be sure to go and hear this wonderful man of God.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard Jr. and Miss Arlene Drinkard, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children and Miss Bertha Wheeier, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. Mr. Beard is some improved, but still has his foot in a cast.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant and son, Clyde and Mrs. Tom Davidson and son, Edward visited in the Chick home last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeelr visited relatives in Roanoke last week. His cousin, Mrs. Fannie Carson is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel and Linda Sue, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end with her father, Mr. C. D. Drinkard.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Judy and son, of Marion spent the week-end with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson and other home folks.

We are so happy to see Mr. Harold Stratton at home again after being in the Army and overseas for over a year. He is looking wonderful and seemed as happy to be home as everyone is to have him back again.

Rev. F. J. Wingfield had some of the students from Bob Jones University with him at Bethel and Trinity Churches on Sunday morning. They played some of their music and made a good talk much enjoyed by all present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick, Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawence visited Mrs. Chick's mother, Mrs. W. H. Drinkard on last Sunday evening. Also her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard.

Rev. W. M. Black preached a good sermon at Hebron Church on Sunday morning. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary Rives Black. The Blacks are always a welcome guest at our church.

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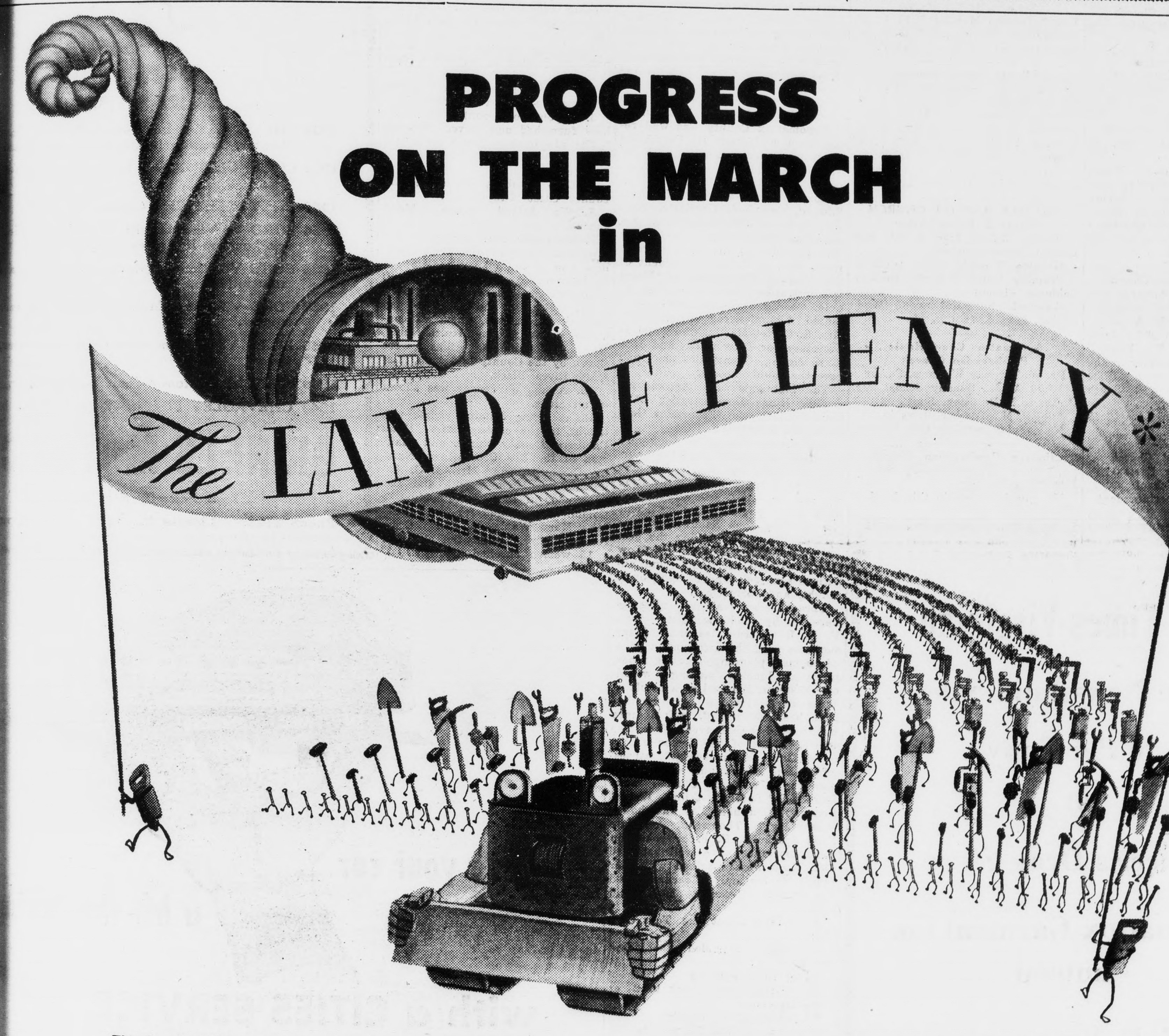

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